

## Supporting Information

# Which Properties Features Ligands to Open and Bind to the Transient Binding Pocket of Human Aldose Reductase?

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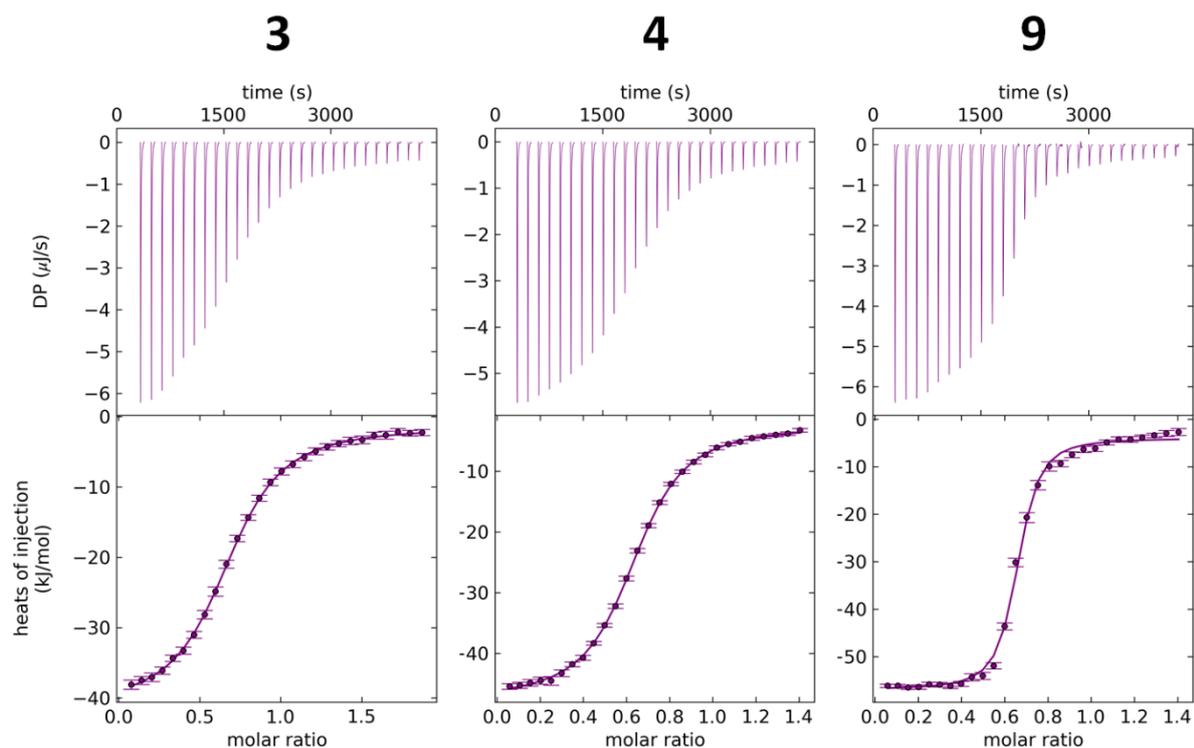
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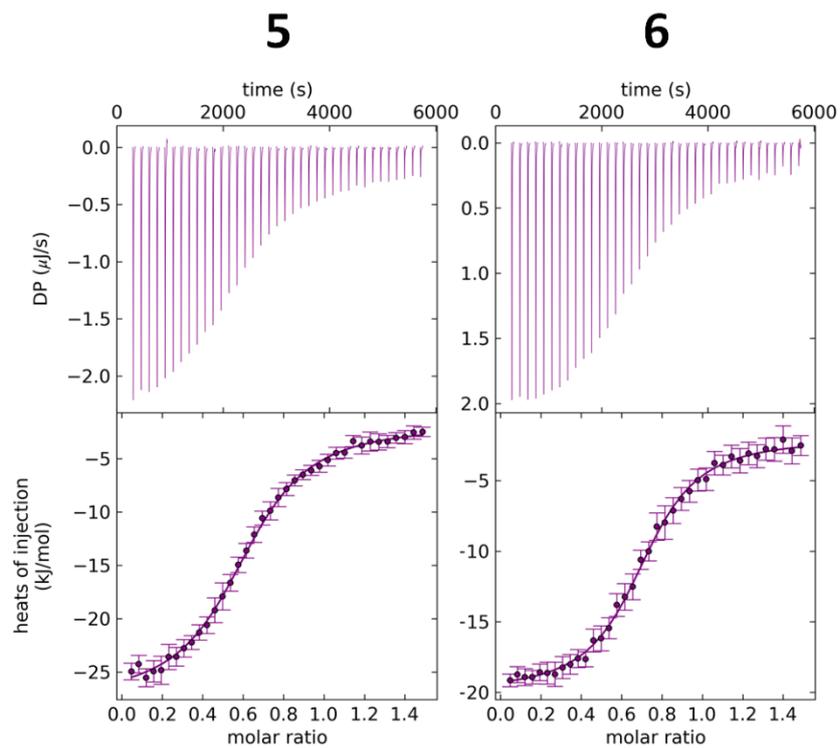
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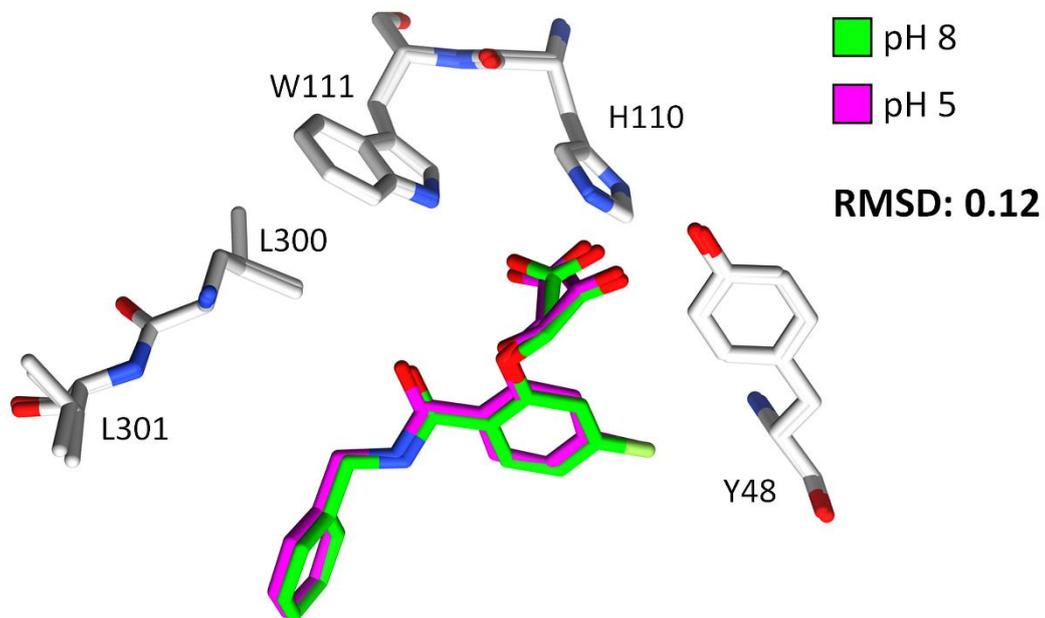
## Supplementary Figures



**Figure S1:** Examples of raw thermograms and integrated heat values for one of at least three direct ITC measurements of the inhibitors **3**, **4** and **9**. For the thermogram on the top the y-axis shows the differential power in  $\mu\text{J/s}$  and the x-axis the measuring time in s. The y-axis of the evaluated data below shows the heats of injections in  $\text{kJ/mol}$  and the x-axis the molar ratio.



**Figure S2:** Examples of raw thermograms and integrated heat values for one of at least three displacement ITC measurements of the inhibitors **5** – **6**. For the thermogram on the top the y-axis shows the differential power in  $\mu\text{J/s}$  and the x-axis the measuring time in s. The y-axis of the evaluated data below shows the heats of injections in  $\text{kJ/mol}$  and the x-axis the molar ratio.



**Figure S3:** Superposition of the ligand geometries of **1** in the crystal structures with ALR-2 obtained by soaking at pH 5 (carbon atoms: magenta) and pH 8 (carbon atoms: green). Selected residues of the active site are also shown (carbon atoms: white).

# Crystallographic Tables

**Table S1:** X-ray data collection and refinement statistics of inhibitors **3** – **5** in complex with ALR-2 wildtype.

	<b>3</b> (6TUF)	<b>4</b> (6TUC)	<b>5</b> (not deposited)
<b>(A) Data collection and processing</b>			
Beamline	Bessy 14.2	Bessy 14.2	Bessy 14.1
Wavelength [Å]	0.9184	0.9184	0.9184
Space group	P12 <sub>1</sub> 1	P12 <sub>1</sub> 1	P12 <sub>1</sub> 1
Unit Cell parameters:			
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> [Å]	47.2, 66.4, 49.2	47.2, 66.5, 49.2	47.3, 66.7, 49.4
$\alpha$ , $\beta$ , $\gamma$ [°]	90.0, 92.4, 90.0	90.0, 92.1, 90.0	90.0, 92.8, 90.0
Matthews coef. [Å <sup>3</sup> ·Da <sup>-1</sup> ]	2.2	2.1	2.2
Solvent content [%]	43	43	43
<b>(B) Diffraction Data<sup>[a]</sup></b>			
Resolution range [Å]	47.13 – 1.15 (1.22 – 1.15)	49.19 – 1.06 (1.12 – 1.06)	39.68 – 0.93 (0.99 – 0.93)
Unique reflections	105125 (16246)	132582 (20046)	198129 (28823)
<i>R</i> ( <i>I</i> ) <sub>sym</sub> [%] <sup>[b]</sup>	4.0 (50.7)	7.6 (37.1)	4.2 (30.6)
Completeness [%]	97.3 (93.3)	96.3 (90.3)	96.5 (87.0)
Redundancy	3.7 (3.5)	3.6 (3.4)	3.4 (2.9)
<i>I</i> / $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )	19.2 (2.3)	14.8 (3.6)	15.0 (2.8)
<b>(C) Refinement</b>			
Resolution range [Å]	34.83 – 1.15	49.24 – 1.06	38.61 – 0.93
Reflections used in refinement			
work	99878	125952	188222
free	5257	6630	9907
Final R values			
work [%] <sup>[c]</sup>	12.9	12.6	10.4
free [%] <sup>[d]</sup>	15.2	14.3	11.7
Number of protein residues	316	313	316
NADP <sup>+</sup> atoms	48	48	48
Inhibitor atoms	40	30	17
Water molecules	375	463	454
Other inhibitor atoms	13	13	13
RMSD bonds			
Bond length [Å]	0.006	0.006	0.006
Bond angles [°]	0.99	1.00	1.04
Ramachandran plot <sup>[e]</sup>			
favored regions [%]	91.0	89.5	91.4
additional allowed reg. [%]	9.0	10.5	8.6
generously allowed reg. [%]	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mean <i>B</i> -Factor [Å <sup>2</sup> ] <sup>[f]</sup>			
Protein	13.4	8.8	10.1
Inhibitor	18.1	15.0	23.3
Water molecules	25.9	21.7	24.0
NADP <sup>+</sup>	8.8	4.7	6.5
Other inhibitors	14.8	8.2	10.7

[a] values in parenthesis are statistics for the highest resolution shell. [b]  $R(I)_{sym} = \frac{\sum |I - \langle I \rangle|}{\sum I} \cdot 100$  for which *I* = observed intensity and  $\langle I \rangle$  = statistically weighted average intensity of multiple observations. [c] Calculated by MOLEMAN.<sup>1</sup> [d]  $R_{free}$  = same definition as for  $R_{work}$  for a cross validation set of  $\approx$  5% of the reflections. [e] Calculated by PROCHECK.<sup>2</sup> [f]  $R_{work} = \frac{\sum |F_o - F_c|}{\sum F_o} \cdot 100$  for which  $F_o$  = observed structure factor amplitudes and  $F_c$  = calculated structure factor amplitudes.

**Table S2:** X-ray data collection and refinement statistics of inhibitor **6** in complex with ALR-2 wildtype

6 (6SYW)	
<b>(A) Data collection and processing</b>	
Beamline	Bessy 14.1
Wavelength [Å]	0.91841
Space group	P12 <sub>1</sub> 1
Unit Cell parameters:	
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> [Å]	47.3, 66.9, 49.3
α, β, γ [°]	90.0, 92.0, 90.0
Matthews coef. [Å <sup>3</sup> ·Da <sup>-1</sup> ]	2.2
Solvent content [%]	43
<b>(B) Diffraction Data<sup>[a]</sup></b>	
Resolution range [Å]	47.29 – 0.93 (0.99 – 0.93)
Unique reflections	181142 (19356)
<i>R</i> ( <i>I</i> ) <sub>sym</sub> [%] <sup>[b]</sup>	5.0 (45.8)
Completeness [%]	88.1 (58.3)
Redundancy	4.5 (3.8)
<i>I</i> /σ ( <i>I</i> )	15.7 (2.5)
<b>(C) Refinement</b>	
Resolution range [Å]	39.69 – 0.93
Reflections used in refinement	
work	172084
free	9058
Final R values	
work [%] <sup>[c]</sup>	10.9
free [%] <sup>[d]</sup>	12.3
Number of protein residues	316
NADP <sup>+</sup> atoms	48
Inhibitor atoms	38
Water molecules	463
Other inhibitor atoms	13
RMSD bonds	
Bond length [Å]	0.010
Bond angles [°]	1.22
Ramachandran plot <sup>[e]</sup>	
favored regions [%]	89.9
additional allowed reg. [%]	10.1
generously allowed reg. [%]	0.0
Mean <i>B</i> -Factor [Å <sup>2</sup> ] <sup>[f]</sup>	
Protein	9.9
Inhibitor	18.4
Water molecules	23.8
NADP <sup>+</sup>	6.8
Other inhibitors	10.4

[a] values in parenthesis are statistics for the highest resolution shell. [b]  $R(I)_{sym} = \frac{\sum |I - \langle I \rangle|}{\sum I} \cdot 100$  for which *I* = observed intensity and  $\langle I \rangle$  = statistically weighted average intensity of multiple observations. [c] Calculated by MOLEMAN.<sup>1</sup> [d]  $R_{free}$  = same definition as for  $R_{work}$  for a cross validation set of ≈ 5% of the reflections. [e] Calculated by PROCHECK.<sup>2</sup> [f]  $R_{work} = \frac{\sum |F_o - F_c|}{\sum F_o} \cdot 100$  for which  $F_o$  = observed structure factor amplitudes and  $F_c$  = calculated structure factor amplitudes.

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